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APPLICANTS:	Srinidhi, et al.	CONFIRM NO:	3696
SERIAL NO.:	10/084,626	GROUP NO.:	2676
FILING DATE:	February 25, 2002	EXAMINER:	Antonio Caschera
TITLE:	Methods for Auto-Separation of Texts and Graphics		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application, in view of the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit the following Paper and a Request for Continued Examination. A check is enclosed to pay for the Request. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due; however, in the event that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.